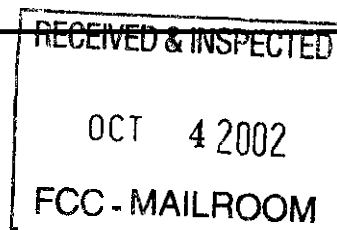


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Pinal Gila Behavioral Health Association



October 1, 2002

Federal Communications Commission
445 - 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioners:

In the Matter of Nomination for Universal Service Administration Company Board of Directors CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45, I am pleased to submit the name of Alison M. Hughes as representative for rural health care providers that are eligible to receive discounts.

I have known and worked with Alison Hughes through our common membership on the board of directors of the Arizona Rural Health Association for over five years. Alison's reputation in Arizona in the rural health and telecommunication fields is far-reaching in our state. She conceived of and organized the introductory conference on the universal discount fund for rural health when the fund was first established, and collaborated closely with the Arizona State Corporation Commission to successfully hold this meeting at the Commission's headquarters in Phoenix. She was also a founding staff team member of the Arizona Telemedicine Program, which is a beneficiary of the Universal Service discount program.

As Director of the State's rural health office, Allison has promoted access to tele-health technology in remote areas of the state for over five years.

I am sending a copy of Ms. Hughes' resume for your review. I am sure you will agree that she is superbly qualified for the USAC board. I commend her to you.

Sincerely,

Jack Beveridge, President
Arizona Rural Health Association

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Resume

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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government M.P.A.(Public Policy) 1985
University of Phoenix, Business Administration, 1983

EMPLOYMENT

February 2002 - Present: Director, Arizona's Rural Health Office
March 1986 - 2002: Associate Director Rural Health Office, College of Public Health University of Arizona
Associate Director, Arizona Telemedicine Program (joint appointment)

October 1985-March 1986

Policy Research Analyst, Rural Health Office. (Contractual) Researched the status of rural primary care legislation and served as advisor for state primary care legislation.

HONORS

- 2001 **Black** Women Task Force, Tucson, "Unsung Heroine" award
2001 Pima county/Tucson Women's Commission recognition award
- 2000 and 2001 American Public Health Association, Medical Care Section. Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Service

OUTREACH VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- National advisory committee on rural women's health Appointed by Secretary of HHS (2001-2003).
- National Advisory Committee on Rural Health. (Member 1999-2002). Appointed by Secretary of HHS. (Advise the Secretary regarding rural health policy.) Chaired Committee on Rural Public Health.
- **National** Rural Health Association. Policy Board Member (1999-present) Recommend national policy to staff regarding rural health issues

- National **Rural** Health Association. Kellogg Grant Leadership Committee (1999-00) Member.
- American Public Health Association Governing Council (Member 1999-02)
- National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health.' Co-Chair, Telecommunications **Committee** -- Recommend **national** telecommunications policy to appropriate organization officers (Wrote testimony submitted by the President to **USAC** in 2002)
- **Center** for Substance Abuse Prevention Knowledge Application Standing Review Committee for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (**SAMHSA**). Three-year appointment **effective** October 1, 2000
- Provided testimony to the Federal Communications Commission at its meeting in the **Gila** River **Indian** Community regarding **telemedicine** access for tribes.

State

- **Arizona** Department of Health Services, statewide bioterrorism committee member, **2002**
- **Arizona** Department of Health Services, Office of Native American Liaison, planning committee, 2002 **Native American** health workshops
- Arizona Health Policy Roundtable. Founder and organizer. **A** gathering of leaders in a variety of state and health and social service organizations to explore current health policy issues. (1998-present)
- Arizona Rural Health Association: Founding member **and** board member (current)
- Arizona Turning Point Technology Subcommittee Communications **Work Group** member 1998-99
- Statewide Electronic newsletter **on rural** health **issues**. Founded **this** newsletter, and provide ongoing supervision **on** content.

RECENT LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS ON HOSPITALS AND TECHNOLOGY

Presentations on telemedicine applications to three Native American Health workshops held in **San Carlos, Peach Springs, and HonDah**, fall, 2002.

Co-Presenter with Rick McNeely **on** the Arizona Telemedicine Program, **to** the BG's a Tucson networking group, May, 2001.

Co-Presenter with Dr. Kevin McNeill **on** the Global Development of Telemedicine Technology, July 2001 to the United Nations Association **of** Southern Arizona.

Community presentations and lectures **on** the implications of critical access hospitals to their communities in 2001

- **Douglas community** members, and board and staff members of the local hospital (February and **again** in **July**, 2001)
Gila River Indian Community Health Department staff
San Carlos Apache Indian Community Health Department Board and staff

- Hopi Health Center **staff**
- Presentation on Critical **Access Hospitals** to Page Hospital **board** and community members, January, 2001.
- Presentation on critical access hospitals to **Benson** hospital board and **staff** members **May**, 2001
- Presentation on critical access hospitals and **AHEC** relationships to **AHEC** directors, **June**, 2001
- Presentation on Critical **Access Hospitals** to Wickenburg community and hospital **board and staff members**, July, 2001
- Presentation on Critical Access Hospitals to Willcox Chamber of Commerce and hospital **personnel**, **July**, 2001.
- Presentation **on** Critical Access Hospitals to Sage Memorial Hospital **staff**, Ganado, **August**, '01
- Presentation **on** Critical Access Hospitals to Southwest Alliance of Navajo, **September**, 2001
- Presentation **on** Critical Access **Hospitals** to Holbrook community, October, 2001

"**How Flexible is the Rural Hospital Flexibility Program**," presentation at November 2000 annual meeting of American Public Health Association.

"**Arizona Critical Access Program**." Powerpoint presentation to medical and administrative **staff** of Southeastern **Arizona Medical Center**, October 16, 2000

"**Current Issues In Public Health**." Presentation to the Gila River Indian Community Public Health **Department staff** members, Prescott, October 12, 2000.

"**Examining the Multiple Uses of a Telemedicine Network at the University of Arizona**." Presentation at the World Federation of Public Health Agencies, as **part** of a panel on telecommunications and distance **learning**, **Beijing, China**, September 2, 2000.

"**Rural Telehealth Care in Arizona**," presentation to Tribal Health **leaders**, May 16, 2000, **Las Vegas**, Nevada.

"**Current Rural Health Issues**." Presentation to board members **of** Copper Queen Hospital in Bisbee, March, 2000

"**Introducing Arizona's Critical Access Hospital Program**," presentations given at three events: Tucson **CAH** workshop 3/16, **Flagstaff CAH** workshop 3/17, and Rural Health Conference at **Hon Dah**, **July**, 2000.

"**Issues In Rural Leadership**." Presentation to Participants at the **Arizona Rural Health Association Leadership Forum**, Phoenix, January 10, 2000.

"**Arizona's Critical Access Hospital Program**." Presentation to Participants **at** the Arizona Legislative **Forum**, Phoenix, January 11, 2000.

“Telemedicine at the US-Mexico Border.” Presentation to Participants at the US Department of Agriculture Conference, **Tucson**, February 24, 2000.

PUBLICATIONS

“**Survey** Results from the Arizona Enterprise Communities Telemedicine Questionnaire.” American Telemedicine Association 2000 Annual Meeting. Co-authors, Driesen, Kevin E., MPH, MA, Hughes, Alison, **MJ**’, Weinstein, Ronald S., MD.

Hughes, **Alison**, MPA. *Telemedical Project in Arizona*. Article published in *Wealth Center Management*, September/October 1999.

Weinstein, Ronald, MD., **Hughes**, Alison, MPA, McNeill, Kevin, PhD. “Issues in Telecommunications Access to Bring Telemedicine to Native American Health Facilities.” Testimony provided to the Federal Communications Commission in May 1999, and in December, 1999.

Hughes, **Alison**, MPA. *Riding the HPSA Trail*. Article published in *Rural Health Notes*, January 199 **Issue** of Medical Care Section, Rural Health Committee publication, American Public Health Association.

Hughes, Alison, MPA. *Connecting Arizona's Enterprise Communities: Strategic Plan and Resource Guide for Telemedicine and Internet Connections*, 1998. Publication made possible with funding support from the U.S. Department of Commerce, TIIAP. (Principal Investigator on Grant)

Hughes, Alison, MPA. *Filerman Officers Up A Challenge*. Article published in “Rural Route,” the national publication for the Interdisciplinary Health Care for Rural Areas Grant Program. November/December, 1996.

Hughes, Alison, MPA, Martinez, Ralph, PhD. *Riding the Superhighway: Changes to Come*. Article published in *National AHEC Bulletin*, Fall 1996.

Hughes, Alison, MPA, Estrada, Anthony, PhD. Co-Contributors. *Study of Models to Meet Rural health Care Needs through Mobilization of Health Professions Education and Services Resources*. Published by National Rural health Association, 1992.

Hughes, Alison, MPA. *Survey Finds Significant Number of NHSC Physicians Currently Practicing in Rural Arizona*. Article published in *National AHEC Bulletin*, Summer, 1990.

Estrada, Antonio L. PhD, MSPH, Hughes, Alison, MPA. *Impact Study of Spanish Language Training on NHSC Physician Practice Among Hispanics*. Article published in *National AHEC Bulletin*, Summer, 1990.

Hughes, Alison. “Arizona’s Chronically mentally Ill: Legislative Attention.” Article published in *Rural*

Health Roundup, Vol. 3, No. 3, June, 1986.

Hughes, Alison. "Arizona Environmental Quality Act: A Bold Effort to Build a Healthy Environment." Article published in *Rural Health Roundup*. Vol. 3, No. 4. August, 1986.

Hughes, Alison. *Improving the Status of Household Employment: A handbook for Community Action*. 1969, Washington, D.C. National Committee on Household Employment 1969.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Grants Received 2000

- Grant from Az. Department of Health Services to **extend** Wickenburg Hospital's long-term care facility to **telemedicine** access, and to **expand** Tuba City Indian Hospital's capability to more chapter houses. (\$250,000) funded through Arizona Telemedicine Program. Grant author.
- Establishing a tele-health home nursing program between Red Lake Chapter **House** and **Tuba City Indian** Hospital. Funded by **AMB Foundation**, Arizona Community Foundation, and Tuba City Indian Hospital. 2000-2001. (\$25,000) Principal Investigator. Funded through **Arizona** Telemedicine Program. Grant author and P.I.
- "Critical Access Hospital Project. Funded by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy. 01-03 (\$525,000 annual). Alison Hughes, MPA (PI. and Project Director)
- "State Office of Rural Health Program. Funded by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy 01-02. (\$77,000 annual) Alison Hughes and Lynda Bergsma, Co-PIs.

Past Grants and Contracts

- "Rural Leadership **Forum**," funded by the National Rural Health Association (\$5,000) to **Arizona** Rural Health Association 1999-2000. Grant author, and **AzRHA** board member.
- "Arizona Public Health Leadership Institute." Funded by CDC 00-01 through College of Public Health. Kent **Campbell**, MD (PI). Alison Hughes, contributor.
- "A Community Leadership Approach to **Rural** Policy Development. Authored **this** grant funded by **the** National Rural Health Association to the **Arizona** Rural Health Association, May, 1999.
- "Introducing Rural Health Providers to the Universal Services Telecommunications Program." Funded by Minnesota Center for Rural Health. 1998-99. Funded (\$3,000). (Principal Investigator)
- "Arizona **Telemedicine** Program **Link** With mariposa Community Health Center." Funded by **U.S.**

Department of Agriculture, RUS. 1998 Funded \$141,150. (Co-PI with Ronald S. Weinstein,

- “Connecting Arizona’s Enterprise Communities to Telemedicine and Telecommunications Access.” Funded by **U.S** Department of Commerce, **THAP**. 1997-98. Funded \$50,000. (Principal Investigator)
- “Training Tohono O’odham Personnel to Administer a Long-Term Care Center.” Funded by Tohono O’odham Nation (1995-1999). Principal Investigator.
- “Southwest Border Region Partnership Planning Meeting.” Contract from **US Department of Agriculture**. Funded (1997) Principal Investigator.
- Implementing National Workshops for Key Personnel of Interdisciplinary Training **Grants** (1993, ‘94, ‘95). Principal Investigator.
- Implementing National Workshop for Key Personnel of Allied Health Training Grants (1995-96).
- Regional Training workshops in Spanish Language for Physicians working with under-served population. Region **VIII** **NHSC/PHS**. Principal Investigator. 1994.
- Training Program in US Health Care **System** for West Bank Scholar. Contract funded by Amideast, 1993. Principal Investigator.
- Training Health Care Professionals From Aden Hospital, Yemen. Contract funded by Amideast. (Co-Principal Investigator with Anthony Vuturo, MD) 1992. Principal Investigator.
- Clinical Education Conference for National Health Service Corps Assignees in the **Pacific Basin**, 1993 (\$22,682). Contract No. **R9-PHS-17-93**. Principal Investigator.
- Federal Tort Claims **Act** Workshop Series, 1993 (**\$24,903**). Contract No. **R9-PHS-26-93**. Principal Investigator.
- Western Regional Nurse **Practitioner/Physician** Assistant Training Conference, 1992. (\$24,995). Contract No. **R9-PHS-40-92**. Principal Investigator.
- Design and Implementation of Regional Conference on Status of Health Care Research **Along the** US-Mexico Border. Grant from **federal Agency for Health Care Policy Development**. Funded 1991. (Principal Investigator)
- Region **IX** **Annual Community** Health Center Clinical and Directors Training Conference, 1993. Contract No, **R9-PHS-Q-7-90**. Principal Investigator.
- Region **IX** Annual Clinical Directors Conference. Funded 1990. **HHS/PHS**. **\$22,557**. Principal

Investigator. (Contract No. R9-PHS-Q-7-90)

- Training Health Care Professional ~~from~~ Thailand in Methods of Manufacturing and Storing ~~Sera~~. Contract fiinded by ~~Amideast~~, 1990. Principal Investigator.
- Establishing ~~an~~ AIDS Education Program at the College of Medicine. Contract ~~from~~ University of California/Davis 1988. Authored by Alison Hughes. (~~Kay Bauman~~, PI)

Mobile Clinic Clinical Services. Grant Funded by Stocker Foundation, 1987. Authored by Alison Hughes. (Andy Nichols, ~~PI~~)

PEER REVIEWS

Journal Reviews

- *Journal of Rural Health*. Peer Reviewer in Fall, 2001
- *Rural Health Research Journal*. Peer reviewer for ~~Summer~~ 1999 and Spring 1995 issues
- *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*. Peer Reviewer for Spring 1994 issue

Federal Granting Agency Review Committees

- Peer Review Committee Member: Family Strengthening Program, **Substance Abuse** and ~~Mental~~ Health Agency. August, 2000
- Chair, Federal Peer Review Committee for Rural Health Outreach Grants, February, 2000. (Federal Office of Rural Health Policy.)
- ~~Peer Review Committee Member~~: Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Outreach and/or Network Grants. 1995-99.
- Peer Review Committee Member: Substance **Abuse** and Mental Health Agency, **Community** Partnership grant application cycle, 1998, State Incentive Program, 1999.
- U. S. Department of Education: Eisenhower Leadership Grants Peer Reviewer 1994-95.
- U.S. Department of Health and **Human** Services: Peer Review Committee for Rural Hospital Transition ~~Grants~~.
- U.S. Department of Education: Special Services/Talent Search programs, the Women's Educational Equity Act, Title X, and the Emergency School Assistance **Act** (1972-76)